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Disgraceful ruling by Freiburg District Court: carte blanche for slanderers

Freiburg District Court has dismissed the lawsuit brought by AHRIMAN Publishing House against the internet platform “perspektive” known to be close to Soros. With this decision the court is giving the infamous slanderers carte blanche to spread their **lies** and dirt splattering. We will, of course, file an appeal against this disgraceful ruling.

The facts of the case:

AHRIMAN Publishing House, which has the highest proportion of Jewish authors in Germany (apart from purely religious publishers), is the victim of the outrageous slander that it “regularly publishes anti-Semitic books”. We have filed a lawsuit against this deeply offensive defamation by the internet platform “perspektive” close to Soros and also affiliated to the notorious Amadeu Antonio Foundation, because it aims to cause substantial damage and ultimately destruction of our publishing house – think of non-admission to book fairs, censorship of advertisements, and threats of violence, for which such stigmatisation is intended to provide both, keyword and pretext.

There is **not a single** anti-Semitic statement in our publications, but countless statements to the contrary! Therefore, we are obliged to defend not only our own reputation, but also the honour of our authors, especially our numerous Jewish authors. Many of them were victims of persecution in the “Third Reich”, themselves, suffered from deprivation of their rights and severe abuse or personally fought Hitler's anti-Semitic tyranny at the risk of their lives (such as Bernard Goldstein, leader of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, or Leopold Trepper, head of the “Red Orchestra”). All these authors report on the horrors of the anti-Semitic Nazi regime in their books published by AHRIMAN. At our invitation, Bert Wallace, who escaped Nazi terror at the last minute in 1939, and the renowned Talmud philologist Professor Hyam Maccoby (now deceased), among others, have presented their works published by AHRIMAN at numerous public events, as also the director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem, Dr. Efraim Zuroff has done who personally protested in court against the false and defamatory smear campaign (his [letter of protest](#) can be viewed here).

After more than a year (!), the trial, which can only be described as a farce, took place at the Freiburg District Court on September 23, 2025 ([our report](#)), in which the “perspektive” lawyer declared (unchallenged by the court), for example, that even if we *only* had Jewish authors, publishing “anti-Semitic books” could nevertheless be pinned on us without a problem; on October 10, 2025, the disgraceful verdict followed: Our lawsuit was dismissed! So now the publishing home of all these Jewish authors may be slandered as a publisher of “anti-Semitic books” with the court’s permission!

The partiality of the judge, who appeared nervous during the oral pronouncement of the judgment – she had obviously not expected an audience – was again evident in the fact that she even went so far as to describe our legal action against the defamers as “gross nonsense”. Since yesterday, October 28, more than two weeks after the verdict was announced, we finally received the written “reasons” for the judgement. (The slanderers themselves had already received them a week and a half earlier, obviously by email, and have been publicly celebrating their “success” ever since. In contrast, the biased court – the unequal treatment is obvious – refused to send it to us promptly and withheld the judgment from us for two weeks despite **repeated requests** from our lawyer.

The judgment:

The reasons given for the judgment does not cite a single anti-Semitic statement in any publication by AHRIMAN Publishing House in its more than 40 years of existence – because there are none!

Instead, the “right to freedom of opinion” of the slanderers (!) is laboriously invoked. But of course, a knowing assertion of **false facts**, commonly known as a **lie**, which is spread with the specific intention of denouncing and causing harm, is *not* an “opinion” (just as a call to violence) and is therefore *not* covered by Article 5 of the German Constitution! Verbal gymnastics and pages of legal pirouettes, without which no unjust judgment has ever been passed, do not change this in the slightest – and these pirouettes are being performed particularly in a country where freedom of expression according to Article 5 of the German Constitution is routinely trampled underfoot (as US Vice President J.D. Vance recently expressed so aptly).

The judgement claims that our false defamation by “perspektive” is not a (false) “statement of fact” and the defamer is free to “say what he thinks”, which includes spreading **lies**. He is explicitly not obliged to provide any evidence or justification for his defamatory statement. (Quote: “In the present case, it is irrelevant whether there is a sufficient factual basis for the expression of opinion.”) It would only be a harmless “evaluation”, also because the smear of “anti-Semitism” was additionally enriched with even more lies (according to “perspektive”, factually based criticism of Soros in fact is “anti-Semitism”, and we also allegedly have “völkisch” and “racist” books, for which there is of course **not a single** piece of evidence!). Let this monstrosity sink in: the more dirt is gathered, the more the dirt splattering is supposed to be allowed. According to this “logic” – contrary to law and justice! – *no one* would be protected from freely invented slander and defamation, especially if the lies are particularly bold and numerous. According to this, anyone can slander whomever and in whichever way they want, because after all, it is their “opinion,” their “value judgment”, their “belief”, their “subjective opinion”, as some meaningless phrases from the delirious reasoning behind the judgment put it. This is precisely what we call **arbitrariness**, free from logic and the wording of the law. The illogicality that paves the way for every injustice goes even further: the fact that the “perspektive” slanderers accuse AHRIMAN of publishing “anti-Semitic books” and that we defend ourselves against this shows “all the more” how much ‘opinion’ can differ on this issue. Well – *what* would the verdict be if it were rumoured that the Freiburg Regional Court regularly handed down “anti-Semitic judgments”? “Opinion”? “Permissible value judgment”? Or about some politician or other? – let us think of the routine lawsuits against truly harmless, joking critics (“dimwit”=“Schwachkopf”, as a former German

Minister was recently called) and their countless convictions, which are in fact in flagrant violation of Article 5 of the German Constitution! **This double standard characterizes the unjust state!**

Important to understand: At the end of the judgment on p. 15, § 824 (1) of the Civil Code is quoted: “Anyone who asserts or disseminates a fact contrary to the truth that is likely to jeopardize the credit of another person or cause other disadvantages for their earnings or advancement must compensate the other person for the resulting damage even if they do not know that the assertion is false but should have known it. ”This describes the act committed against us **very precisely**. However, the judgment then abruptly states: “Section 824 (1) of the Civil Code does not provide protection against derogatory expressions of opinion and value judgements”. This is what we call the **shortest route from the wording of the law to an unjust judgment**. The preceding pages of unfalsifiable ramblings serve to psychologically prepare the reader for this injustice.

The shameful ruling in Freiburg is likely to set a precedent, and the legally sanctioned trial run by the slanderers opens the floodgates for further similar attacks, not only on our publishing house. If no “factual basis” is required for false, deliberately damaging, defamatory allegations, then on this basis it is possible to stigmatise, silence, and destroy any person, but also publishing houses – Orwellian “in the name of the people”, obscenely in the name of “freedom of opinion” according to the ‘liberal democratic basic order’.

We call on all defenders of free speech (but **not of smear campaigns full of lies**) to support us in our fight against defamation and biased justice!